

REMARKS

Claims 35-39 and 41-55 are pending. Claims 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0010698 to Shin et al. ("Shin") in view of U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0082910 (incorrectly identified as 2002/0092910 in the Office Action) to Kontogouris ("Kontogouris") in view of U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2007/0162398 to Tadayon et al. ("Tadayon"). Claims 35, 39, and 41-55 are allowed.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner allowing Claims 35, 39, and 41-55. Applicants further appreciate the Examiner granting the telephonic interview of January 5, 2011, during which the Examiner and Applicant reached agreement on amendments to Claim 36 to place Claims 36-38 in condition for allowance. In the instant response, Applicants have amended Claim 36 as suggested by the Examiner during the telephonic interview. Additionally, Applicants have made a clarifying amendment to Claim 38.

In view of the discussion with the Examiner during the telephonic interview and the amendments to Claim 36 set forth in the above listing of amended claims, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 36-38 are patentably distinct from the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination, and are in condition for allowance. As Claims 35, 39, and 41-55 have already been allowed, all pending claims are now allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in the instant application. If, however, the Examiner does not believe that the amendments to Claim 36 place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative so that any remaining issues may be resolved.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amended claims and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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